World Bank report on Investment in Primary Health, Nutrition and Basic Education

1954. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank, in its report released on July 6, 1993, has observed that India is under investing in Primary health, nutrition and basic education;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The World Bank's 1993 country economic memorandum on India, mentions about inadequate funding for operation and maintenance of service delivery systems in the use of public funds for nutrition, health, family welfare and education programme. This is an internal document of the Bank and the Government is not bound by the views expressed therein.

(c) The Government on its own initiative gives high priority to these sectors. The Finance Minister's budget speech has outlined proposals for a substantial step up in Central plan programmes in the social sectors. Outlays for education, health and I.C.D.S. have been increased.

Vacant post of Chairman of Bhilwara Ajmer Kshetriya Gramin Bank

1955. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhilwara Ajmer Kshetriya Gramin Bank is functioning without a Chairman for more than a year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this inordinate delay and where lies the responsibility; and

(c) by when the appointment of a Chairman is likely to the made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that the Chairman of the Bhilwara Ajmer Kshetriya Gramin Bank has been on long leave on medical grounds since May, 1992. The General Manager of the bank is acting as Chairman with effect from 10th September, 1992.

(c) NABARD has advised Bank of Baroda, the sponsor bank, to initiate the proposal well in time to finalise the appointment of the next Chairman before expiry of the term of the existing Chairman.

Seniority of UDCs/KPOs of the Customs and Central Excise Collectorate

1956. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the long pending demand of fixing seniority of 42 UDCs/KPOs of the Customs and Central Excise Collectorate, Delhi who were transferred from the Directorate of Statistical and Intelligence has since been resolved;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the dates of respective seniority;

(c) whether these UDCs are being paid any special pay for operating Computer as in the case of their counterparts in the Department of Customs;

(d) whether they are being given any relaxation in the Departmental Examinations;

(e) if so, what is the number of promotions these persons have got during the last 15 years; and

(f) what is the position of promotion of their colleagues in their parent Department i.e. Directorate of Statistical and Intelligence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.